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The Current's staff members circa fall 2014

## Changes in Residential Life

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A change is coming next semester for students who work on campus, including those who work for the Office of Residential Life and Housing. Because campus regulations enforce that students work no more than 20 hours a week at a specific job location, and because the implementation of the Affordable Care Act requires workers to be provided with healthcare if they are full-time (more than 20 hours a week), many students find themselves frustrated, battling to make enough to stay afloat financially without overextending themselves. This is especially true for the student workers of Residential Life and Housing, which up until this point have been compensated through scholarships of up to \$3,000 per semester. But now that their scholarships are no longer in place beginning summer 2015, it leaves these students asking, "why?"

According to Jonathan Lidgus, Director of Residential Life and Housing for the University of Missouri—St. Louis, this change has come due to a variety of reasons. As mentioned before, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and restrictions on the number of hours that students are able to work on campus are two very important reasons for the change.

Although the 20-hour maximum hours available for student workers has always been in effect, ACA, a relatively new limitation, seems to add even more pressure to this restriction. And although ACA seems to be an advantage for full-time workers, for those working at jobs with lower salaries and less full-time positions available, it is simply a vicious cycle. They find themselves with less hours as employers attempt to avoid the

costs for insuring full-timers, which means less money for those employees. So to compensate they end up taking multiple part-time jobs, where they do not receive the same benefit of "free" health insurance as those working full-time. Some would argue that these restrictions are barriers especially for college students, and that these employers are not looking out for the best interests of the employee.

So what do these restrictions have to do with the housing scholarships? It was also noted that a number of students working in Residential Life were swapping a great deal of hours, and some students were not meeting the minimum requirement of 15 hours a week as stipulated.

As a way to simplify matters and ensure the amount of hours worked by each person, the decisions were made to end scholarship funding for housing and allow students to make an hourly rate. As Residential Life continues to move the majority of their assistants to this rate, there is still the question of how it benefits students.

With the limitation on hours worked, students may have time to experience other jobs on campus, whereas before students of Residential Life were required to work a minimum of 15 hours per week. This could also mean that students who do not reside at UMSL residential halls will feel more inclined to work there, although some residential students feel more comfortable when dealing with workers who actually live in the residential halls and seem to have more accountability for what takes place there.

Nevertheless, with the decline of housing scholarships,

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## "The Current" Launches Crowdfunding Campaign

KAT RIDDLER  
NEWS EDITOR

"The Current Student Newspaper" launched its crowdfunding campaign on April 3 to keep the student newspaper afloat at the University of Missouri—St. Louis for the 2015-2016 school year. So far newspaper has received nearly \$5,000 in contributions during the first week of the month-long campaign. "The Current" is printed 15 times a semester and is free to all students and faculty. It costs approximately \$42,000 per year to operate the student newspaper and "The Current" must supplement ad sales with donations from its alumni, students, faculty, and other supporters.

The crowdfunding campaign is not only online, but has several on-campus components as well. During the week of April 6 through 9 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. "The Current" held a Money Tree Fundraiser on the Millennium Student Center Bridge. Donations were taken in cash and check to receive a token of an acorn, apple, flower,

or pear, to add to the tree. By the end of the week, there were 110 ornaments that decorated the tree and the paper raised \$506.02. The newspaper hopes to continue their success with a Newspaper Boy's Week during April 13 through 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Nosh by raising the awareness of the paper and passing newspapers out to students.

The campaign's big on-campus event is a Trivia Night on May 1 in Century Room C at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 a person and tables of 8 are \$75. The night will also include a silent auction and a 50/50. Refreshments will be provided at the event. Tickets will be available for purchase in advance from staff members of "The Current" or guests can also RSVP online at [thecurrentcrowdfunding@gmail.com](http://thecurrentcrowdfunding@gmail.com) and pay at the door.

The newspaper does not currently receive funding from the Student Activity Budget Committee (SABC). In 2013-2014 the paper received \$20,000, but this was reduced to zero in 2014-2015. SABC is a subcommittee of the Student

Government Association (SGA) made up of 11 selected students and 2 student SGA representatives. The newspaper was the only student organization to not receive funding in 2014-2015 from SABC and they denied the paper's appeal of the decision. The newspaper accrued a debt from 2009-2011 due to mismanagement and economic downturn of advertising sales. SABC cited the paper's deficit as the reason for no funding even though the paper was under new management and had been paying the debt down. On April 21, 2014, the university forgave the student newspaper's debt and removed the paper from the SABC approval process.

The paper did not rely solely on SABC funding. "The Current" sells advertising to pay salaries and other expenses, such as the paper sending representatives to conferences and paying for memberships to groups like the Missouri Press Association. In 2010, the newspaper sold \$75,000 in advertisements, but the national decline in

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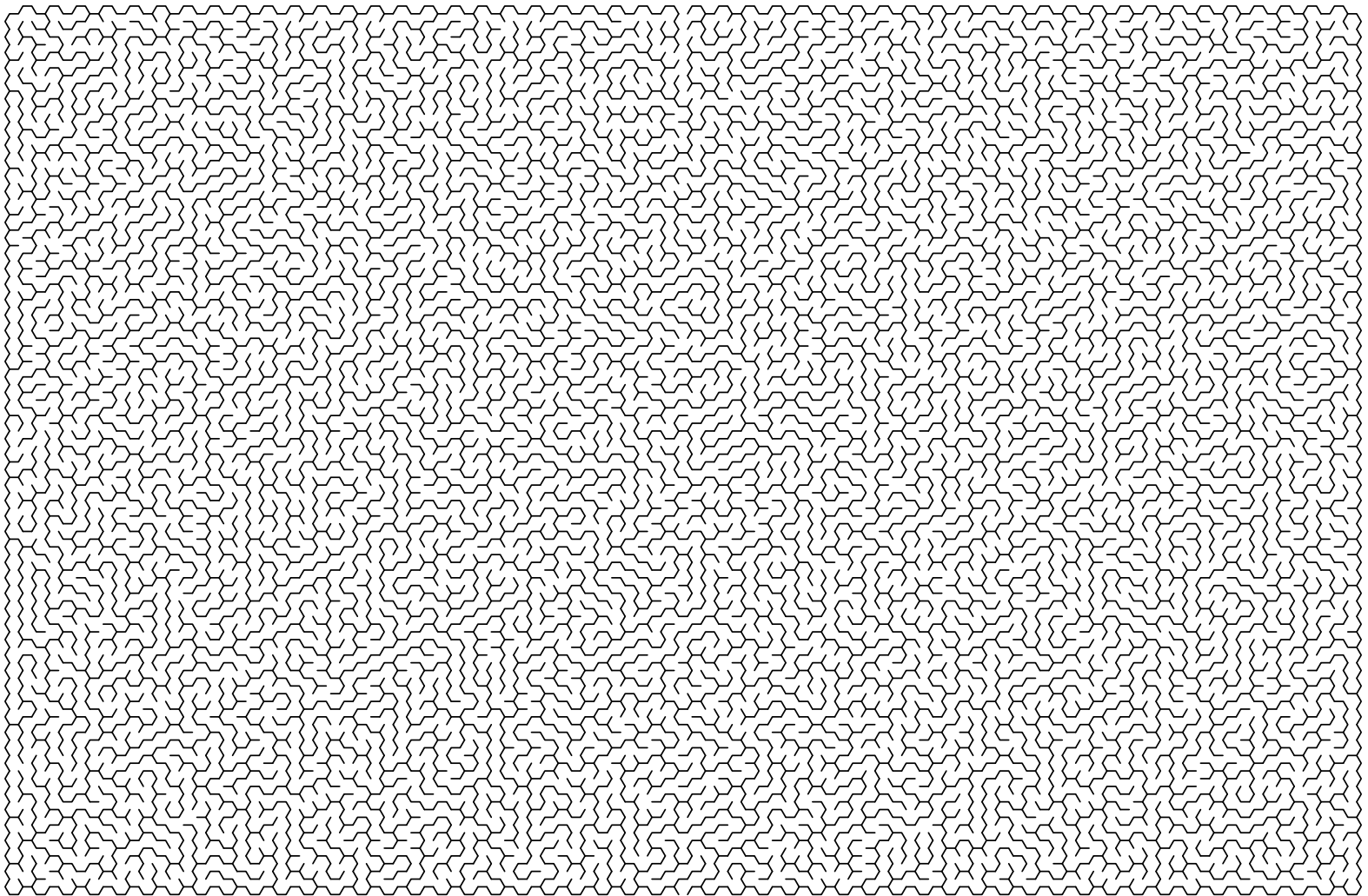
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Difficulty: Very Mean



THE UNDERCURRENT

By Jessie Eikmann & Anna Glushko

WHAT IS YOUR BEST STUDY ADVICE OR STRATEGY?



**ERICA KOENIG,**  
Freshman, Biology  
Premed  
“Make lots of time and sit  
down in an environment that  
is not distracting.”



**ANTA KANE,**  
Freshman, Nursing  
“Start early, don’t  
procrastinate!”



**CHELSEA PURCHASE,**  
Junior, Criminal Justice  
“Just look over your notes  
little by little every day, so  
you won’t have to cram by  
the time you need to take the  
test.”



# Show Me \$15 to Take Place April 15

LORI DRESNER  
STAFF WRITER

Missouri workers with low and minimum wage jobs will be turning out to campaign for \$15 an hour wages as part of Show Me \$15 at Forsyth and Skinker near Washington University on April 15 at 4:30 p.m. The movement is expected to be the largest low-wage worker protest in modern history. St. Louis' Show Me \$15 campaign is part of the Fight for \$15 movement that has now spread worldwide. Those involved in the movement are protesting against minimum and low wages, attempting to raise the minimum wage to \$15, and calling for the right to form a union.

The Fight for \$15 movement began in November 2012 when 200 New York City fast food workers walked off the job and went on strike to raise working wages to \$15 an hour and fight for the right to form a union without retaliation. Since then, there have been numerous one-day strikes and walkouts by employees and protests against low wages. Each year the Fight for \$15 movement has expanded, and it now includes 33 countries and 6 continents.

Many low and minimum wage workers feel that it is unsustainable to live on wages any lower than \$15 an hour, and that big corporations should start paying their workers more. The workers involved in the

movement include fast food cashiers and cooks, child care providers, retail employees, home health care providers, adjunct professors, and airport workers. Those involved want to fight back against poverty, sexism, and discrimination, as well as hazards in the work environment. According to fightfor15.org, for example, 79% of fast-food employees have been burned on the job.

St. Louis workers have been demanding the right to higher wages since May 2013. University of Missouri—St. Louis student Charlie Johnson, senior, theater and dance, became involved with Show Me \$15 after hearing about the work they were doing through Students in Solidarity, an organization she worked with in the past.

"I thought it was extremely important that students like myself got involved because of the reality I was seeing with friends and family members transitioning from college to the work force," said Johnson. "Most of them weren't going straight into their respective fields and were instead doing various service work like bartending, waitressing, coffee shops, etc. And let me be clear, there is nothing wrong with any work that's honest work, but the pay that they receive is not allowing them to live a sustainable life, let alone pay off the

mounds of student loans accumulated throughout college."

"My major is theater and dance so if I'm not going straight to Broadway then more than likely I'll be taking employment within the service industry of some sort to take care of myself while pursuing my dreams. And with the current work conditions that's pretty much impossible to do," said Johnson. "So me joining forces with the Fight for \$15 was imperative. I've been spreading the word throughout the campus to students and professors about the fight and in return they've done the same and joined on as well."

Johnson said that the Show Me \$15 movement is important to UMSL students because many are working low-wage jobs to pay for their educations. She said that student experiencing the effects of low wages now will continue to feel those pressures after graduation. "With all the universities in St. Louis UMSL hosts the working class population so this affects our students tremendously. Most of us are working low wage jobs now just to pay for our educations so we see the effects of this now and will continue to see it upon graduation."

According to stltoday.com, movements for Fight for \$15

will take place on about 170 college campuses, and in cities around the U.S. and abroad on April 15. Several other states will be taking part in Fight for \$15 movements that day, and a total of about 60,000 people are expected to take part.

To find out more about the Show Me \$15 event, visit the event website april15.org, their Twitter at twitter.com/show\_me15, or the event Facebook page at facebook.com/ShowMe15. Those interested can also text ShowMe15 to 64336 for updates about the event. The Fight for \$15 website is fightfor15.org.



Workers occupying the inside of W Florissant @McDonalds #FastFoodGlobal #showme15

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NEWS EDITOR

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advertisement sales hit the paper shortly after.

The paper was able to survive the funding cut by a generous, one-time \$20,000 donation from the IT Department at UMSL. The newspaper has sold advertisements throughout the 2014-2015 year and held fundraisers to make up the difference.

"Each week we distribute 6,000 copies of the newspaper to UMSL students and faculty for free. We cover the campus and wider community from the perspective of students and give the students of our diverse

urban campus a voice. Without support from alumni and the community, those voices will be silenced," said Anna Glushko, senior, psychology, and the newspaper's Editor in Chief.

"The Current" was launched in 1966, three years after UMSL was established. The newspaper is set to celebrate its 50 year milestone in 2016. For more information on "The Current" and to read and share stories by students, visit thecurrent-online.com. To donate and share the crowdfunding campaign, visit crowdfund.umsl.edu/thecurrent.

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many other scholarships will become available in other areas. In addition, with the removal of the scholarship incentive and implementation of hourly rates, students who do not live on campus could possibly have more reason to apply to Residential Life. Lidgus states that there actually may be more money to be made hourly than through the scholarship, and that now "students have the flexibility of choosing where to spend their money" instead of the funds going directly to housing.

These changes could be perceived in very different ways. Some may see this as an opportunity to have some of their

hard-earned money remain in their hands. This could be a potential problem if the student allocates the money for other purposes and did not budget enough for rent. Some see this as an opportunity to earn additional money and have control of their own money, while others may feel constrained and fear they may not be able to earn enough at university part-time jobs to make their housing payments. While there are two sides to this issue, students should conduct their own research and be aware of all the changes.

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# ASUM Hosts Lunch with Legislators

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NEWS EDITOR

Do you know your local legislators? Do you know what they do? Have you ever talked to them? All of these questions and more were addressed at the Lunch with Legislators event on April 10. Students were given the chance to meet and greet local State Representative Cloria Brown (R-94) of South St. Louis County while lunch was served in the Fireside Lounge of the Millennium Student Center. Approximately 30 students, faculty, and staff, including Chancellor Thomas George, filled the venue.

The Association of Students of the University of Missouri (ASUM) hosts this type of event annually. This two part series opens up a dialogue with students and the members of the general assembly and sparks a keener interest among students in the elected officials of our state. Introducing Representative Brown, David McGraw, graduate, counseling, president of ASUM, said that meeting representatives face to face helps students to see that elected officials are “real people” that they can approach to talk about issues.

Representative Brown opened the session by describing herself and her passions. She also shared how she became involved in politics. She served as

Lemay Township’s Republican Committeewoman from 2005 to 2010. One of the jobs of the party committee is to help recruit candidates for various offices. When one candidate for state representative failed to materialize, she stepped in and ran herself. Though she lost her first election, she ran two years later and was elected in 2010. She then lost the election in 2012 following redistricting. In 2014, she came back and won the seat.

“If you want to be in politics, you have to be willing to lose,” said Representative Brown.

Legislator Brown serves on four committees: the Budget Committee, Higher Education Committee, Financial Institution Committee, and the Children and Family Committee. Along with committee work, Brown does volunteer work like doing taxes for the elderly and supporting a group that is a refuge for young girls who were part of sex trafficking.

State Representative Brown commented on some jewelry that she was wearing, which had significance for her. She supports a group that helps victims of sex trafficking by promoting the group’s jewelry sales. The jewelry, which is both originally made and recycled from other pieces, is produced by the victims as a way of raising money for the organization to



Students conversing at lunch with legislators

help other victims. She said that Missouri has a terrible sex trafficking problem. Statistics say that runaways cannot be on the streets for 48 hours before they are approached by those seeking to lure them into the trade. Brown pointed out that Missouri’s centralized location and highway connections make it a prime spot for moving sex trafficking cargo to other places in the nation.

She also gave advice to students who might be interested in politics themselves. First, she advised everyone to be

registered and vote in elections. “If you find a candidate you like, work for them,” Brown said. Brown is also an example proving it is never too late to get involved in politics. She did not run for office until she had retired from her career in the technology field.

“As an international student, I feel political involvement with a state government is a vital part of a nation. This is why I got involved in ASUM. Seeing how American government is so interesting and how little involved others are in the

system, I wish to encourage Americans to get involved and participate and be proud to be a citizen of this country,” said Nicolae Butler, sophomore, political science.

After answering questions, Representative Brown remained to visit with individual students. Lunch with Legislators in an annual event sponsored by ASUM. The next scheduled lunch will be held Friday, April 24 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge. For more information on ASUM visit [asum.umsl.edu/about/](http://asum.umsl.edu/about/).

## Career Services Salary Negotiation Workshop

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STAFF WRITER

Career Services sponsored their salary negotiation workshop “Is That Your Best Offer” on April 8. Emily Rapko-McEneny, the Associate Director of Career Services, taught current students and soon-to-be graduates the appropriate way to approach requesting one’s desired salary, ensuring them that it was not at all wrong to expect to be paid appropriately for one’s unique skills and experiences. This event is a continuation of the Career Advice 101 series, an ongoing series of events focused on career navigation and foraying into the professional world after college.

Experts say that a lack of confidence and skills are among the top reasons why half of American workers do not negotiate salary. According to Aaron Gouveia of salary.com, surveys indicate that when Americans do not negotiate on salary, it will cost workers hundreds of thousands of dollars over the course of their careers. Accord-

ing to a CareerBuilder survey cited by Jacquelyn Smith of Forbes Magazine, 49% of all jobseekers accept the first offer that is put on the table. Many experts note that women in particular do not like to negotiate salary. According to Linda Babcock and Sara Laschever, the authors of “Women Don’t Ask,” men are four times more likely to negotiate salary than women.

It is generally customary for organizations to request a desired salary range during an employment application process. Rapko-McEneny echoed the common wisdom that in salary negotiations a candidate should never be the first to disclose a preferred salary. According to Rapko-McEneny many jobseekers may fear that they are negotiating for too high of a salary. Rapko-McEneny believes that the biggest mistake that jobseekers make is disclosing a low salary requirement before researching for a salary range for a particular field.

Rapko-McEneny pointed out that while many candidates may have made the mistake of disclosing too low of a salary requirement, this does not necessarily knock a candidate out in income negotiations. “Tell the company that ‘I wrote down the number before I did some research. We can discuss this later.’ Just be honest about the mistake during follow-up discussions,” Rapko-McEneny said.

Rapko-McEneny suggested that the best approach to salary negotiations is to keep the language neutral. “Bid with the expectation that the employer will try to nudge you down. Also, don’t share too much information such as your student loans or other debts. There are many who have gone into too much detail about this during salary negotiations,” Rapko-McEneny said. One issue that may not have been considered by a jobseeker is a situation where there may be a significant hike

in salary expectation due to the completion of a college degree, or entering into entry-level management from a non-managerial position. “When the organization offers you a lower offer due to your previous employment history and profile (which they may try to do with a transitioning graduate) remind the organization that ‘I have unique qualifications that make me unique as a candidate. I have significant experience as a volunteer, for example, that the other candidates do not have,’” Rapko-McEneny said.

The speaker also addressed a few other commonly overlooked factors in the salary negotiating process. Rapko-McEneny commented on some good preparation strategies for the negotiation process, such as being aware of the market’s values for a particular field and understanding the local economic trends, whether they are positive or negative. Beyond salary, important data include skills, expe-

rience, and qualifications. Also, one should consider important life and work values, along with one’s relationship with his or her future supervisors. Finally, Rapko-McEneny suggested that a job-seeker should consider the overall compensation package, such as tuition reimbursement, vacation, and other paid time off. Resources that are useful in salary negotiations include such websites as O\*NET OnLine ([onetonline.org](http://onetonline.org)), Glassdoor ([glassdoor.com](http://glassdoor.com)), and Paycheck City ([paycheckcity.com](http://paycheckcity.com)).

If you missed the salary negotiation workshop on April 8, there is another workshop scheduled for April 30. If you need more information about professional career strategies, or other events in the Career Advice 101 series, call Career Services at (314) 516-5111.



# UMSL Percussion Ensemble Beats Drum at Touhill

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SPORTS EDITOR

If one wondered what beautiful music from Africa sounds like or wanted to experience different ways to hear songs that they know and love, then the Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center was the place to be on April 6 at 7:30 p.m., with performances from University Percussion Ensemble and Vocal Point.

The audience was larger than expected but everyone in attendance had a great time. The feel from the dress circle, where this writer sat, was of a Broadway style theater. The lighting was low, the stage was lit, and the mood was musical. The Touhill is one of the nicest performance centers around, and it offers great shows all year round, sometimes at no cost to University of Missouri—St. Louis students.

The UMSL Percussion Ensemble consists of several gifted percussionists, who seemed to have almost every kind of percussion instrument imaginable, and used them seamlessly. Djembes, dununs, xylophones, tympanis, chimes, snare drums, drum set, horns, bells, and so

much more were filling the stage just waiting to be played. The audience could not wait for the concert to start.

The concert started with an announcement from James Henry, Associate Professor of Music and Director of Choral Studies, and Matt Henry, Teaching Assistant Professor of Percussion and Director of Percussion Ensembles, no relation. They also conducted the concert.

The UMSL acapella group Vocal Point, conducted by James Henry, started the concert with a set of songs named “The Long Path,” “The Nearness of You,” and “Another Hundred People.” It was a fabulous display of vocal range and sounded very calming and transcendent. There were no words in the first song, but this writer, and the audience were still captivated.

The next set of musical pieces, “Mother Earth, Father Sky,” “Djembe Orchestra Suite,” and “Parallax,” were played by the percussion ensemble with Matt Henry conducting. In their first piece, they used the power of music to transport the audience from St. Louis to an African jungle, using bird whistles, chimes, rain sticks, and



UMSL Percussion Ensemble on stage at the Touhill Performing Arts Center

drums. The musical piece told a story and, like a story, became very intense as it went along.

One of the most impressive pieces started when the percussionists came forward and they all grabbed djembes and dununs and played traditional African music with no conductor. Most do not realize that African music is used a lot in today’s western American music. This was a tremendous display of talent and tradition using great music to tell another story. A special performance from the new UMSL quartet group MKQ just about stole the show.

As the night continued, the musical selections became more and more entrancing. There were a few times when Vocal Point joined along with the

Percussion Ensemble and blew away the audience. Even though this was not a performance by a superstar or famous group, the music and atmosphere of the concert was almost the more enjoyable. Other songs that were masterfully executed were “Fields of Gold,” “Amazing Grace,” and “Run To You” (as performed by Pentatonix). The most enjoyable moment, besides the selection that mixed pre-recorded music and video of outer space, “93 Million Miles,” was when the mash-up of Vocal Point and the Percussion Ensemble played “Blue Rondo

ala Turk.” It had fast and hard drums along with very impressive, fast vocals.

This writer fell in love with the music and the voices, and would see it again. A certain spectator even yelled “encore” while the rest of the audience was giving a well-deserved standing ovation. So if you want to bless your ears and soul with perfectly timed music and angelic voices then you need to keep track and stay informed about when the Percussion Ensemble and Vocal Point performs next. You will not be disappointed.

## Triton Treats Offers Sweet Stop

MARY CHICKOS  
STAFF WRITER

### RESTAURANT REVIEW

Triton Treats, the new Sodexo food venue in the Millennium Student Center on the second floor rotunda, is now open. It has been busy since it opened March 30, the day after spring break, and there have been a steady flow of customers through the doors.

Triton Treats offers students a way to quench their thirst with a variety of milks, juices, powerades, teas, various Coke products and water for under \$3. They also carry a variety of sandwiches, salads, and snacks made fresh daily for under \$4. You can satisfy your chocolate craving with Ghiradelli, Lindor Truffles, Brookside, and other treats for \$2.99 to \$4.49. Fresh baked goods include vanilla and chocolate cupcakes for \$3.49, as well as brownies for \$1.99, and a variety of other dessert bars and cookies.

The yogurt flavors are all natural, pro-biotic, and come in large and small sizes. The white chocolate is all natural, low-fat, and 35 calories per ounce, while the vanilla bean is non-fat and pro-biotic at 30 calories per ounce. The frozen yogurt flavors are sweet and very light. All

flavors are 49 cents per ounce and around 25-40 calories per ounce.

The fruit flavors of frozen yogurt available are the white peach and mango flavors. They are tart and tangy, sweet and creamy, nonfat, pro-biotic, kosher, gluten-free and all natural at 30 calories per ounce. They are made with live and active cultures that meet the National Yogurt Association (NYA) criteria for live and active cultured yogurts. The frozen yogurts are rotated and they are always open to suggestions for new flavors. The toppings include chocolate chips, granola, almonds M&Ms, Oreo, cherries, blueberries, strawberries, Heath, gummy candies, chocolate chip cookie crumble, Reese’s, yogurt chips, strawberry juice poppers, whipped topping and sprinkles.

The smoothies selection has two sizes, large and small. The price is \$3.95 for the 16 oz. and \$4.95 for the 24 oz. These smoothies have 240 to 400 calories per serving. The “Fruit and Yogurt” section has flavors of strawberry banana, pomegranate, tropical mango, tropical pineapple, and berry banana with yogurt, strawberry, blueberry and banana. The “All Fruit Harmony” section of the menu is dairy free with no sugar added. This includes Mango Melody, Strawberry

Sonata, Raspberry Jammin’, and Berry Medley Hibiscus, which includes raspberry, mango, banana, and apple-orange juice. These smoothies have anywhere from 150 to 260 calories per serving.

The Twisted Fruit smoothies include the Mango Berry Remix, Smooth Berry Swirl, Pineapple Point, and Mango Melange, with 230 to 410 calories. Spoonable Smoothies are made with red mango yogurt and are \$4.95 for 16 oz. These include the strawberry banana and mango banana flavors.

Laura Carpenter, the retail manager of the Sodexo food stores on campus, said, “Come check us out. People are always looking for different and healthy food options on campus. We are always open to new suggestions for new yogurt flavors.”

The hours for Triton Treats are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. These hours will stay the same through the remainder of the semester. They will be open during the summer months with reduced afternoon hours. The exception is the last week in May, when they will be closed for business.

For more information or flavor suggestions, visit redmangousa.com, facebook.com/redmango or twitter.com/redmango.

## Persona Q Game

JEN BOYER  
STAFF WRITER  
GAME REVIEW

“Persona Q: Shadow of the Labyrinth” is a role playing, dungeon crawling game for the Nintendo 3DS, which was released by Atlus in November 2014.

The game is a crossover between Persona 3 and Persona 4. While having knowledge of those games is not a requirement, it helps to know one of the games to be able to pick a side to start out with.

Once a player has chosen a side and a difficulty level, they put in two names, the first for the protagonist they are going to play and the second for the other team. The story begins with the game’s two teams at their respective high schools. Persona 4’s team warps to an alternate version Yasogami High School. They do not realize it until they notice the culture festival’s attractions are different. The Persona 3 team warps to a place known as the Velvet Room before ending up at the alternate Yasogami High as well.

Both teams find an entrance to an attraction known as “You in Wonderland” and also a boy and girl known as Zen and Rei. They explain that the attraction is actually a maze that is filled with enemies known as “shadows.” Shadows are the enemies that both teams have faced before. The teams, Zen and Rei explore this labyrinth and

find stronger enemies known as FOEs. The player has to maneuver around these enemies and not battle them. After the first dungeon is completed, the two teams meet up.

“Persona Q” teams each have five members. The team is put into two rows, front and back. It is up to the player to decide who to put in each row. The battle system also rewards a player for finding a weakness of an enemy, if it has one, or getting a critical hit. Doing either of those in battle gives that character a boost, which gives a character priority in the turn order and special moves that cost zero to cast. The downside is the character can not get hit before the turn starts again.

In the “persona” system, each character can get a persona to assist their main one in battle. The Velvet Room is where personas can be registered and fused to create new personae.

The art style has dark tones, which makes sense seeing as both teams are trapped. The character designs are hit or miss. Every character is a miniature version of themselves. This makes the serious characters look silly and almost out of place in this art style. The music, however, is great and it reflects the games the players are from.

“Persona Q” is a great crossover game from two beloved by fans. Players who know one of the two games will have a better experience with the game.



# Triton Women's Softball Wins 4, Honors Seniors

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The University of Missouri—Saint Louis women's softball team played two doubleheaders on the weekend of April 11 and 12, giving a spectacular performance and winning all four of their games against the Missouri S&T Miners and the Drury Panthers. Brittnei Chapman, senior, interdisciplinary studies, and Hannah Perryman, junior, criminal justice, both pitched outstanding games.

In the first game of the Saturday doubleheader, Brianna Butler, senior, education, went 2 for 3 and doubled in the first inning, giving the Tritons an early 1-0 lead. In the fourth inning, the Tritons scored another three runs and took a 4-0 lead, with an RBI single by Jena Boudreau, senior, nursing, an RBI sacrifice fly by Katie Wood, senior, criminal justice, and a wild pitch by Missouri S&T pitcher Becca Strope. The Miners battled back in the sixth inning, cutting the lead in half by scoring two runs. They were unable to catch up to the Tritons, however, and UMSL won the game 4-2. Chapman pitched a complete game and earned her 15th win of the season.

In Saturday's second game, the Tritons shut out the Miners. Katie Rutledge, senior, liberal studies, accounted for two of the three Triton hits and went 2 for 2 in the game. In the second inning, Rutledge got an RBI single to right field, giving the Tritons a 1-0 lead. Rutledge also got an RBI double in the fourth inning, securing a 3-0 lead. She then scored on a wild pitch by Miner pitcher Katie Viets. UMSL walked away with their second win of the day, with a final score of 3-0. Perryman pitched complete game and one-hitter, striking out 15 and



Jena Boudreau hitting a double in the third to get two runs for the Tritons



(right to left) Hannah Wessels cheers Jennah Perryman and Brianna Butler as they make home plate in third inning

giving up one walk. The win was her 18th of the season. Saturday was a particularly special day for the seniors of the team, and a ceremony honoring the seven senior Lady Tritons followed the Saturday doubleheader.

"The [seven] seniors we have built this program to where it is today," said Lori Flanagan, Director of Athletics. "They're ranked third in the country, and I think it's because of these [seven]. They're a very, very special group."

"The atmosphere is awesome because the team is always cheering," said fan Haley Brightwell, graduate, business. "It's senior day. Pretty big day."

On the afternoon of April 12, UMSL played another doubleheader against the Drury Panthers and picked up two more wins. Hannah Perryman started in her second game of the weekend in Sunday's doubleheader and shut out the Panthers 9-0, pitching her third perfect game of the season. The Tritons took the lead in the third inning with a series of home runs. Katie Wood got a two-run home run, and Wood's homer was followed by another two-run home run by Brianna Butler in that same inning. Butler's homer was followed by yet another home run by Sara Kern, sophomore, business

marketing, and the Tritons took a 5-0 over the Panthers. In the fifth inning, Jena Boudreau reached on a fielder's choice, scoring Madison Zbaraschuk, senior, communications. Boudreau then advanced on a wild pitch by Jessica Kjeldgaard, which scored Jennah Perryman, freshman, criminology, and gave the Tritons a 7-0 lead. In the sixth inning, Zbaraschuk slammed a two-run homerun to right center, securing a 9-0 win for the Tritons. Perryman picked up her 19th win of the season in addition to a perfect game, the seventh of her career.

In their second game of Sunday's doubleheader, the Tritons managed 13 hits against the Panthers and picked up their fourth win of the weekend. Sara Kern helped the Tritons to a 2-0 lead with her second homer of the day, a two-run shot, in the second inning. The Panthers got on the board for the first time in the doubleheader when Kari Hillenburg doubled to right center and scored on a single to right center by Marissa Ross in the third inning off Brittnei Chapman. However, the Tritons quickly extended their lead in the bottom of the third, scoring two more runs. Brianna Butler singled to right center, and Jennah Perryman doubled to left center. Jena Boudreau then doubled to center field, scoring

Butler and Perryman. The Tritons took a 4-0 lead. Drury would not be defeated so easily, however, and cut the lead in half in the top of the fourth, with an RBI by Jordan Herman in the fourth inning.

The Tritons scored two more runs in the bottom of the fourth with a single by Hannah Wessels, senior, psychology, and then a two-run home run by Alex Stupek, sophomore, nursing, giving the Tritons a 6-2 lead. They added to this lead in the fifth inning with Sara Kern's third homer of the day, making the lead 7-2. Drury was able to score one more run off of Chapman in the seventh inning when Marissa Ross scored on a single by Chantal Oelrich and a fielding error by infielder Katie Wood. The Tritons were able to hold onto the lead, however, and won over the Panthers 7-3. Chapman pitched her second complete game of the weekend and took the win, making her record 16-1 on the season.

The No. 3 UMSL Tritons' gave a fantastic performance in all four games of their doubleheaders this weekend. Their four wins give them a stellar 34-3 record on the season. Their next games are in Indianapolis against the Greyhounds on April 18 at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. (EST).

## UMSL TRITONS

MONDAY April 13th	TUESDAY April 14th	WEDNESDAY April 15th	FRIDAY April 17th	SATURDAY April 18th
Men's Golf at Midwest Regional at Purgatory @ TBA	Baseball vs. Maryville (Home Game) @ 12:00 p.m.	Men's Tennis vs. Lindenwood @ 3:00 p.m.	Men's Tennis vs. GLVC Tournament @ 12 p.m.	Men's Tennis vs. GLVC Tournament @ 12 p.m.
Women's Golf vs. The Triton @ TBA	Baseball vs. Maryville (Home Game) @ 3:00 p.m.		Women's Tennis vs. GLVC Tournament @ 9 a.m.	Women's Tennis vs. GLVC Tournament @ 9 a.m.
	Women's Tennis at Washington University in St Louis @ 4:30 p.m.			Women's Golf at The Cav Classic @TBA
				Softball vs. Indianapolis @ 12:00 & 2:00 p.m.
				Baseball vs. Rockhurst @ 12:00 & 3:00 p.m.



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# Dread the Natural Bridge Stoplight

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On a warm and pleasant spring afternoon last week, I had an advising appointment scheduled with my Honors College advisor at the Provincial House on South Campus. I was on the North Campus at the Main Circle and had exactly 15 minutes to get to South Campus and make it in time for my advising appointment. I considered taking the shuttle to the Provincial House, but with it being such a beautiful day and thinking I would have enough time, I decided to skip the shuttle and walk to my destination.

I reached the Natural Bridge stoplight—those of you who have ever walked from North to South Campus know which one I’m talking about—and pressed the “walk” button. I stood there on the corner and waited for the “walk” signal to appear. I stood around for a minute or so with the busy afternoon traffic whizzing by. Now in the past I’d heard stories about it taking a long time to cross at this stoplight, but after waiting there for about three minutes, I realized just how long this stoplight really is. I kept standing there, wondering if the stoplight was malfunctioning. A few more students joined me wanting to cross, and someone pushed the “walk” button again. The light remained red. Finally, after six agonizing minutes waiting, a “walk” signal finally appeared. The thing is, none of us pedestrians noticed it changed at first, because there is a metal pole hindering the pedestrian’s view of the stoplight from the sidewalk and there was no usual sound alert of the light change. When everyone realized the light had changed, they began crossing, but about five seconds later, the “don’t walk” signal appeared, and by the time we got to the other side, the light was red again. Six minutes may not sound like a long time, but when you’re standing on the corner waiting for a light to change with nothing to do but just wait, it feels like an eternity. With less than ten minutes to get to my advising appointment by this point, I had to walk as fast as possible, cutting across grasses and parking lots to get there. I made it to my advising appointment but was five minutes late.

I have to say, I’m really astounded that 15 minutes wasn’t long enough to walk from the Main Circle to Provincial House. Had it not been for the dreaded stoplight, it would have been the perfect amount of time to get from place to place. Although I know that UMSL does not have control over this stoplight, it would be great if something could be done to make this stoplight shorter to accommodate students who want to walk from North Campus to their South Campus classes or residence halls. Perhaps MoDot can step up their game to help the cause. My experience at this stoplight has discouraged me from walking and made me feel unsafe while crossing the traffic. I imagine that other students may have had similar experiences. Not to mention the fact that having to wait so long could encourage students to jaywalk, which could potentially be dangerous or tragic.

Although I won’t rule out walking to South Campus next time, I will be certain to allot at least an extra five minutes to waiting for the dreaded stoplight. Make that ten.



The struggle is real, as Stick-Figure Bob must routinely waste precious time

# Local Bald Eagles Sign Petition to be Renamed “Hooded” Eagles

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Last week, representatives for the Animal Self-Confidence Coalition of Missouri stunned ecologists and Philadelphia football fans alike when they released a statement saying that local bald eagles have been gathering signatures to petition a name change. The petition comes as a result of years of degradation of the eagles which, contrary to their names, are not actually bald.

The name, which describes a color variation in the eagle’s feather pattern, is one that eagles now say is not only misleading, but extremely offensive.

“For many years, eagles have been symbols of freedom and ferocity, so it is definitely surprising that they have not been given more respect up until this point,” commented eagle-psychologist Earwing Leafather. “Do people not understand that eagles have feelings, too? Do they think these gorgeous animals which grace our skies are simply mindless, keen-sighted eating machines whose only purpose in life is to be stuffed and mounted above the mantles of the disgustingly wealthy? I, for one, say if eagles can make the conscious decision to support capitalism and the forceful spread of democracy to foreign peoples in the name of freedom, they have the mental capacity to be offended by this revolting slur.”

To get the inside scoop, The Current journeyed far into the national parks of Missouri and into the canopy of what few trees remain in this once forested landscape. There reporters encountered a flock of protesters, and their spokeseagle had this to say:

“I don’t think you people understand. I’m not bald. I’m hooded. There’s nothing wrong with the hood. You know what people think when you call me a bald eagle? That I’m defective. That there’s something wrong with me. How am I supposed to pick up a Golden Eagle when Rogaine is sending coupons to my nest in the Sunday paper? Last week, my buddy Larry was talking to this Peregrine Falcon. And you know what she says? ‘No offense, but I like a bird with feathers on his head I can run my talons through.’ Eagles will no longer be oppressed.”

In his closing statement, the spokeseagle announced that eagles will officially retire from being the national symbol of freedom if their demands are not met by the end of this summer. In response to this, crows have expressed their desire to take over should the position be vacated, saying ‘we’re pretty much everywhere anyway’ and ‘our mooching, live-fast-die-young attitude is much more representative of the American people today. YOLO.’ In order for that to happen, however, the crows will have to fight the turkeys, who claim they have a historic right to the position.

## Weekly Chuckle

# The Connotations of Education

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The biggest insult in social class warfare seems to be, “You are so uneducated.” If there was a bomb feature on Facebook, that phrase would be the one to wipe a commenter off the map. In the breath of a single sentence, anything a person has said or will say is virtually invalidated in the eyes of others who consider themselves educated. While the idea of only trusting the opinions of experts in a particular subject is comforting, there is a disturbing downside that permeates this social idea of education as the marker of societal worth and self-worth.

As with any other external marker of personal worth, the idea of education (especially post-secondary) being the base requirement for someone’s right to be validated and represented in society is exclusionary. Seemingly, it merely leads to harmful, nasty rhetorical exchanges on social media websites and politically aligned television shows masquerading as news. However, if one takes the time to examine the language in these exchanges, we discover that the issue isn’t limited to inaccurate information being dispersed and subsequently validated. Interfacers and television watchers are watching self-proclaimed educated people personally attacking one another under the guise of debate and intellectual discussion. In the wake of all that has transpired concerning the suicides (and less publicized homicides) of abused individuals from marginalized communities, and grade school altercations, I believe we can safely say that any instance that induces/encourages bullying is a prolonged execution of violence. Adding another weapon to the arsenal of techniques for executing social violence, especially in a moment where people are questioning how accessible higher education

will be to the general public, seems like something that should be nipped in the bud.

Another pressing question I must pose: in a world where education substantiates someone’s right to be heard, what are the qualifiers for education? Along with the special breed of arrogance sometimes associated with post-secondary degrees, what are people saying when they are implying someone is uneducated? Our current academic model, which focuses on awarding people certificates of specialization in a field, severely limits the actual applicability of the term “educated,” because people are often interacting concerning issues that run the gamut of majors concerning what kind of knowledge is necessary to make an informed opinion. A “USA Today” article from October 2014 listed the top ten majors, presumably for that year: 10. History 9. English Language & Literature 8. Liberal Arts & Sciences 7. Accounting 6. Criminal Justice and Corrections 5. Teacher Education and Professional Development 4. General Biology 3. Nursing 2. General Psychology 1. Business Administration. People whose skills include anything from knowing the process of running an established business to founding, funding, and improving a new one are the largest group of bachelor’s degree seekers voting and debating about the spending of American people’s money, as well as the ethics and the choices behind it. That sounds fantastic on the surface—professional money managers influencing decisions about managing the country’s money. But they are also deciding the standards for public education, international policy, and social policies (individual and collective rights and freedoms). It doesn’t sound so fabulous when the people educated in those areas exist in smaller numbers and hold much less influence. Then again, where are all the people not pursuing any degree? Should we assume they know nothing? That doesn’t really seem right.



Sasha & Nathan IN: ARE YOU PARODYING WHAT I'M PARODYING?



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SGA Report

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The first SGA meeting after spring break and second one of the semester was held this past Friday, April 10 at 12:30 p.m. in SGA Chambers. The assembly opened with adoption of the agenda and approval of the meeting minutes.

The meeting began with the representatives from The Current Student Newspaper explaining the mission of the school newspaper and announcing the events that are coming up. The Current Open House will be held on April 15 at 1 p.m. in 388 MSC and The Current Trivia Night is scheduled for May 1 at 6:30 p.m. in Century Room C. The crowdfunding efforts to keep the student newspaper on campus are still in operation through May 3.

Next, the Building Operations presented the changes to room reservations. Effective July 1, a virtual EMS system will be used to reserve rooms. Additionally, new mobile production services will become available for renting space on both North and South campuses, effective July 1.

The meeting continued with reports from SGA President, Cameron Roark. Roark announced Campus survey results which stated that parking made students late to class on a regular basis. Out of all respondents, 86% said parking was important to their college experience. Students were unhappy with shuttle service not being reliable. Roark will be presenting the data to the administration to discuss potential policy changes due to the findings in the survey.

Roark also said that although the ID policy is in effect right now, there is no enforcement. Students, staff, and faculty are supposed to have their UMSL ID on their person at all times. If they are asked by campus police to show ID, they must surrender

it. Not having an ID is in violation of student conduct code. To address this, it was proposed to require students, staff, and faculty to wear their IDs on lanyards, but this solution met opposition.

Vice President, Deja Patrick, announced Relay for Life coming up on the night of April 17 through 18. SGA elections will run April 20-24, followed by inauguration on May 2. Mirthweek is coming up in April 27 and will run through May 2.

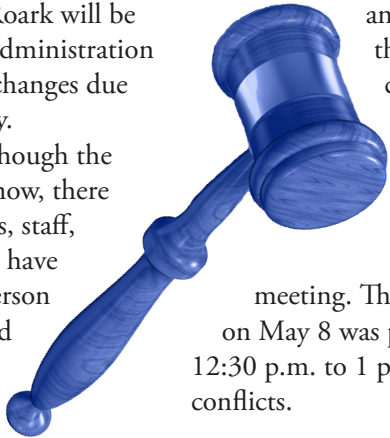
Comptroller, Dominic Margherio, announced that SABC allocations for student organizations were sent out on March 31. Appeals were heard on April 10 at 2 p.m.

Two policies were introduced to the association. Pets on Campus proposal failed due to being written in an ambiguous language. This means that there are no changes to the current policy. Roark proposed a motion to oppose House Bill 104, which reads:

No public institution of higher learning shall take any action or enforce any policy that denies a religious student association any benefit available to any other student association.

The motion was approved by majority vote, due to the bill being in a clear conflict with UMSL Non-Discrimination policy. Anti-Discrimination laws do not affect sororities and fraternities because they are protected to recruit only women/men under Title IX.

SGA constitution changes are posted on OrgSync for a review before the next meeting. The next SGA meeting on May 8 was pushed back from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. due to scheduling conflicts.



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